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## WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Everyone knows that if you have an emergency, you need to dial 9-1-1. Many people are also familiar with the Police Department's non-emergency number, too - 714 754-5255. But what if you need to reach other departments within the Police Department? What if you want to know how to obtain a copy of a report? What if you need to contact Animal Control? Or, what if want to report a pothole, graffiti, or vehicles that speed up and down your street? There are many direct numbers that can get you where you want to go without having to contact dispatch and be transferred. Listed below are some of the most commonly asked-for numbers - keep this list handy for the next time you need to contact the Police Department for something other than to report a crime!

# COMMONLY ASKED-FOR PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	9-1-1	
Animal Control Crime Prevention Code Enf. (City Hall) Detective Bureau Front Desk Gang Office Graffiti Hotline	714 754-5311 714 754-4876 714 754-5059 714 754-5206 714 754-5281 714 754-5075 714 327-7491	
Narcotics Hotline Property Records Bureau Traffic Eng. (City Hall) Parking Hotline Livescan Appts. Pot Hole Hotline	714 754-5656 714 754-5339 714 754-5373 714 754-5335 714 754-5290 714 754-5033 714 754-5207	

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### BEING THE EYES AND EARS

Recently, there have been stories of citizens confronting unwanted individuals in their neighborhoods.

While the Police Department encourages citizens to be the "eyes and ears" of your neighborhood, we encourage you to let us be "the voice." The Police Department does not encourage any type of confrontation with any individual that you think may be in the process of committing a crime, or may be loitering in your neighborhood with no clear purpose for being there.

The safest and best way you can help out the Police Department is to be a good witness and call 9-1-1 immediately to report the crime or suspicious behavior. By doing this, you can provide vital information to the communications officer, who will

then relay the information to the responding officers. This way, you can remain safe, and the responding officers will have the most up-to-date information on what type of situation they will be encountering when they arrive.

Our goal is for everyone to stay safe. You can help us out by avoiding any confrontations with suspicious or unwanted subjects in your neighborhood.



### FITNESS CENTER SAFETY

Do crooks get more from your workout than you do? There are many opportunities for criminals to take advantage of us when we go to the gym. We have all heard stories of things being taken out of gym lockers - but leaving your personal property ( purses, wallets, computers, phones) in your vehicle while you work out is just as dangerous!

Generally, cars in gym parking lots have been broken into more than LOCKED gym lockers inside the gym. But what do you do with your personal property, especially if you like to go to the gym after work? Here are some tips to keep your property safe:

- Never take your purse or wallet into the gym
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle
- If you are unable to leave your valuables at home, consider storing them in the trunk of your vehicle

- If you place your valuables in your trunk, please do so before arriving at the gym.
   Criminals have been known to sit in the parking lot and watch people to see what they do with their property
- Make sure you lock your vehicle
- If you keep your keys with you while you are working out, keep them in your pocket - don't lay them on the floor next to where you are working out





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